

Federal Legal Requirements, Policies & Guidance

Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)	Continued and enhanced emphasis on strong planning processes and public involvement: www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21
23 CFR 450	Guides the development of statewide transportation plans and programs; requires early and continuous public involvement: www.access.gpo.gov
FHWA/FTA Interim Policy on Public Involvement	Requires effective public involvement processes custom-tailored to local conditions: www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/pi_pol.htm
23 USC 128	Requires public hearings or the opportunity for public hearings for plans for Federal-aid highway projects: www.access.gpo.gov/uscode
23 USC 135	Provides for reasonable access to comment on proposed plans: www.access.gpo.gov/uscode
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)	Requires consideration of impacts on human environments: www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964	Declares that no person shall be excluded from participating in any program receiving federal assistance on the basis of race, color or national origin: www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/title_vi.htm
28 CFR 36 Americans with Disabilities Act	Requires government programs to be accessible to people with disabilities: www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm
23 CFR 771 Environmental Impact and Related Procedures	Addresses early coordination, public involvement, project development: www.access.gpo.gov
Technical Advisory 6640.8A	Guidance for preparing and processing Environmental and Section 4(f) documents: http://nepa.fhwa.dot.gov/ReNepa/ReNepa.nsf/All+Documents/6C083B3D1E9D0BF985256934006E3FE3/\$FILE/FHWA_Technical_Advisory_T6640_8a.htm
Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice	Addresses avoidance of actions that can cause disproportionately high and adverse impacts on minority and low income populations: www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/ejustice/facts/index.htm
49 CFR 24 Uniform Relocation Assistance & Real Property Acquisition Policies Act	Ensures property owners and people displaced by Federal-aid projects are treated fairly, consistently and equitably: www.access.gpo.gov
Federal Environmental Policy Statements 1990 & 1994	www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/eps_txt.htm
President's Council on Sustainable Development	http://clinton2.nara.gov/PCSD

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